

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in South Dakota and in the nation, with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$503.2 billion in 2010; and,

Whereas, Nearly 2,300 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of one death every 38 seconds; and,

Whereas, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through research, population and community level interventions, and public health and policy measures; and,

Whereas, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in CPR, and encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED) programs in their communities; and,

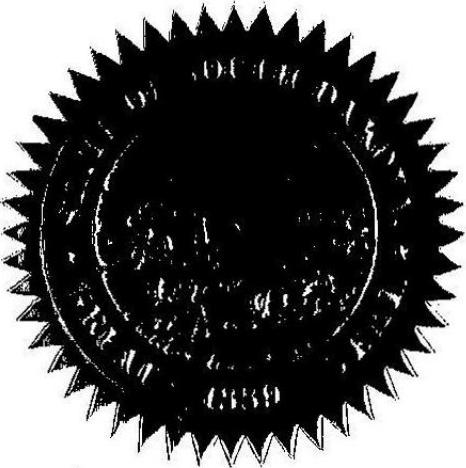
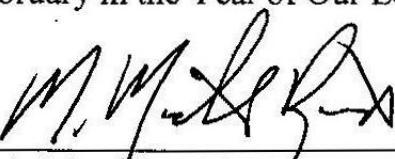
Whereas, The American Heart Association is celebrating February 2010 as American Heart Month, and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

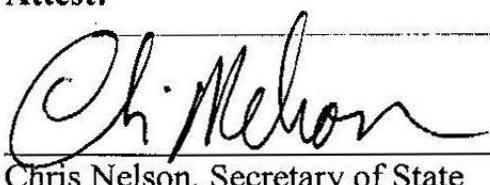
in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest. By incorporating these tools into aggressive programs, we can save thousands of lives each year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State